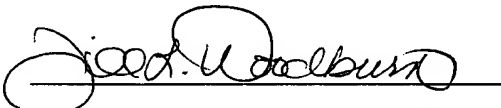


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination of the above-referenced application:

In the specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1 line 1 please add Background and Summary of the Invention

On page 2 line 30 please add Detailed Description of the Invention

In the claims

Please cancel claims 10-12, 16, 18, 19, and 22-24 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein.

Please amend claims 3-7, 13-15, and 17, and 20-21 as follows:

3. (Amended) The compounds of [claims 1 or 2] claim 1 wherein R¹ and R² are independently selected from lauroyl, palmitoyl, stearoyl and oleoyl.
4. (Amended) The compounds of [claims 1 - 3] claim 1 wherein X is - S-S-.

In claim 5, please change "claims 1-4" to --claim 1--.

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